(d) to what extent Prime Minister's visit to Pakistan has helped to clear this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K.K. TEWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India and the only issue which remains to be resolved is the vacation of Indian territory under Pakistan's illegal occupation.

(d) Pakistani's Prime Minister has emphasised the importance of Simla Agreement in resolving the outstanding issues in Indo-Pak relations.

Meeting of Indo-Pak Joint Commission

125. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether high level meetings with Pakistan are on the anvil:

(b) when the next meeting of Indo-Pak Joint Commission is likely to be held; and

(c) what specific issues are likely to come up before the meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) to (c) During the visit of the Prime Minister to Pakistan in December, 1988, it was decided that the India-Pakistan Joint Commission would meet in the first half of 1989. It will be preceded by several other bilateral meetings including, *inter alia,* meetings between the Defence, Home and Foreign Secretaries of the two countries.

U.S. threat to destroy Libyan Chemical Factory

126. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported threat of US President Reagan on January 3, 1989 to destroy the Libyan Chemical factory which he stated was ready to manufacture a Poisonous Gas for Chemical weapons;

(b) if so, what is Government's information about the capability or otherwise of the facility in question to manufacture gas or chemical weapon; and

(c) what was Government's reaction to the U.S. threat in the context of its potential to disturb world peace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has no information on the capability of the facility

(c) The following statement was made by the Government of India's official spokesman on the incident of the shooting of Libyan planes by the United States on 4th January, 1989:

"The incident over the Mediterranean sea which led to the shooting down of two Libyan aircraft by US Navy jets on January 4, 1989 is unfortunate. Such confrontations are dangerous and can only jeopardise the prospects of peace in the region about which the situation has recently become distinctly hopeful."

Attitude of new Government in Pakistan towards Mujahideens in Afghanistan and terrorists in Punjab

127. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any notable change has